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INCENTIVES IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Government for grant of permission for setting up of units in designated Special Economic Zones(SEZs); and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the applicants are treated without discrimination irrespective of their size?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a)&(b) : The criteria for grant of permission for setting up units in the designated SEZ have been laid down in Rule 18 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 which were published in part II Section 3 sub-section
(i) of the Gazette of India Extraordinary on 10th February, 2006 under GSR No. 54(E). The important criteria amongst the provisions are that the proposal should meet the requirement of positive net foreign exchange earnings; availability of space and other infrastructure support as confirmed by the developer in writing and that the applicant should give undertaking to fulfill the environmental and pollution control norms, as may be applicable. Applications for establishment of units in the SEZs fulfilling these criteria are considered by the Approval Committee without any discrimination.